



# **Learning, Agency and Freedom**

**Among the unaccompanied asylum  
seeking youth in Turkey**

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Accessing the Field at times of Solidarity



# Meeting Abdi (*Co-Researcher*)

The relation to the other is to take the risk to take the unconscious of the other to recognize, to risk identifying with the untranslatable, to take the risk of the displacement of the angle of the vision (Bhabha).



The mirror: the emergence of a third space, a displaced angle of vision .





The mirror effect: a dialogical site





Shelter: a crossroads, border, station, school, home and a prison.





No Education, No safety

**The realm of conscious and unconscious process in which a displacement of the angle of vision is the difference between life and death and survival (Bhabha).**



Catastrophe on the sea





These trains go nowhere

**\*Enunciation**

**\*Identification**

*(identity and belonging)*

**\*Negotiation**

*(original and host culture)*

**\*Recognition**

*(difference, diversity and pain)*





Sünnet Without family



Everday is the same





Becoming man.



Brotherhood





Our neighborhood



Crossing the fence in order to play.

- The EU& Turkey Deal: A moral Breakdown (Zigon, 2007 )
- Confused Moralities of the State (Tibet, 2017)
- Minors Freedom exercises within those gaps of sudden policy shifts
- From solidarity to sovereignty
- Being stuck under a policy of pitying and control
- Once a welcoming neighborhood turns into mere streets
- An evaporation of the right to a neighbourhood (Tahir Zaman 2013)





Chasing dreams





Strategies, when and how?





The guard stands by the night



Waiting





Waiting



Waiting





Preperation.





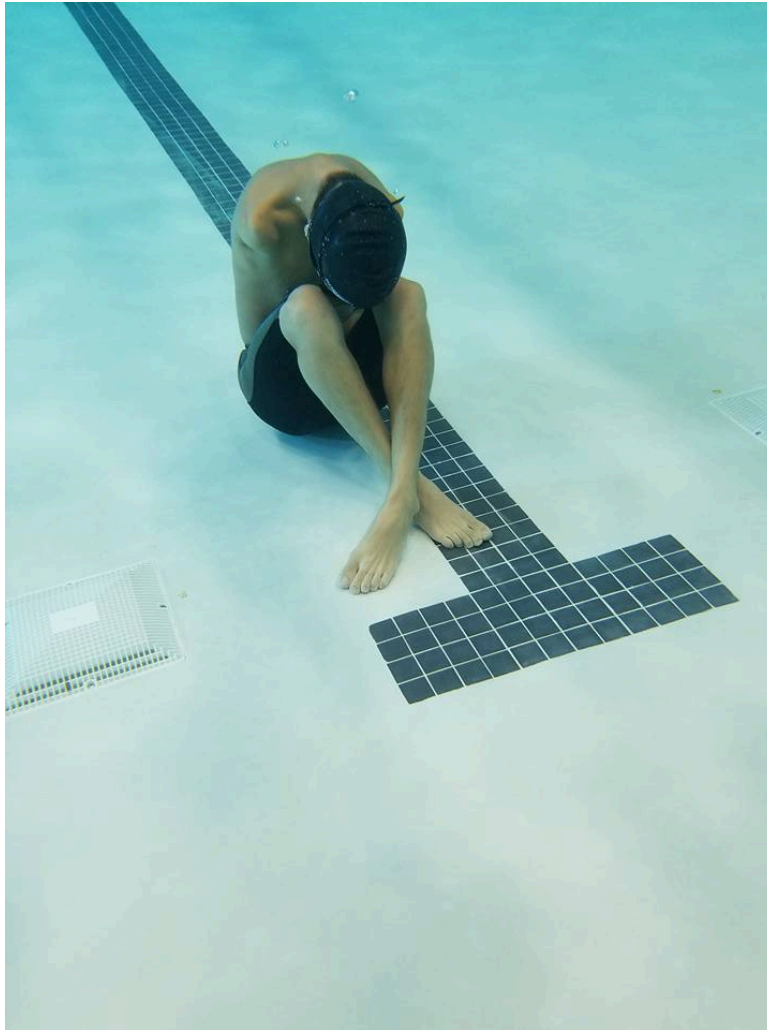
Stairways to heaven.





Loop.

# An empirical lathern to illuminate the singularity of human becoming and the afterlife.



Translation is a construction and is built up of metaphors: embryo, echo, fragment, single spot.

Agency is the power to transform one's own mind, body and soul.





A teacher ,a child , a book and a pencil can change the world.





Studying behind the closed doors.



# Somali photographer highlights refugee plight in 'Erase & Rewind' exhibition

Somali refugee Abdi Deeq expresses the tragedy of refugees in the 'Erase & Rewind' exhibition

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Somali photographer highlights refugee plight in 'Erase & Rewind' exhibition

An 18-year-old Somali Abdi Deeq, who lost his father five years ago in a terror attack on Somalia and moved to Turkey with his brother, draws attention to tragedy of the refugees in his photographs.

Deeq says that he aims to show that the refugees are trying to do something under present conditions and presents art lovers with his photographs in the "Erase & Rewind" exhibition in Istanbul.

**'Loneliness' theme**



**Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos worth over \$100 billion**

Increase in Amazon share price sends CEO's worth up \$2.4 billion in one day



**'Artificial intelligence is our biggest existential threat'**

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The moral witness is caught in that moment where the denotative security is shaken by the foreignness of ways of meaning. The moral witness is caught in a double time frame of memory, surviving testimony of the past while aspiring the values of survival in the future. Is the moral witness a forward looking creature? Even when her testimony is about the past? (Homi Bhabha, Locating Culture)



All photographs by Abdi Deeq, Erase & Rewind Exhibiton: [www.abdideeq.com](http://www.abdideeq.com)  
<https://vimeo.com/188056470>